

19(new). Method according to claim 4,  
characterized in that the reaction in the reforming reactor is carried out without a  
catalyst.

20(new). Method according to claim 5,  
characterized in that the reaction in the reforming reactor is carried out without a  
catalyst.--

### REMARKS

The specification has been amended to insert a cross-reference to the international application on which the present U.S. application is based.

The claims have been amended to correct their improper multiple dependency, as a result of which new claims 11-20 have been added to the application.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current Preliminary Amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

Respectfully submitted,

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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

3(amended). Method according to [claims 1-2] claim 1,  
c h a r a c t e r i z e d i n that the pressure in the reforming reactor is from about 200 to about  
500 bar.

4(amended). Method according to [claims 1-3] claim 1,  
c h a r a c t e r i z e d i n that the CO<sub>2</sub>-rich gas stream is present at a pressure within the interval  
from 20 to 200 bar.

5(amended). Method according to [claims 1-4] claim 1,  
c h a r a c t e r i z e d i n that the mixture in the reforming reactor is passed over a catalyst bed.

6(amended). Method according to [claims 1-5] claim 1,  
c h a r a c t e r i z e d i n that the reaction in the reforming reactor is carried out without a  
catalyst.